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HEALTH OFFICE,

CHESTERFIELD.

JAN. 18TH, 1896.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present to you the Annual Report for the year 1895, and to thank you for your consideration and support.

The Report contains the usual tables and statistics, together with the results of a house to house inspection of the South Ward, and of all the Cowsheds in the Borough.

I need hardly remind you that it will take a considerable time to remedy the defects, and abate the nuisances which have been found; and although much has been done, much more requires to be done to put the town even into a fairly sanitary condition.

Mr. Wood, the Sanitary Inspector, has done excellent work, and I have to thank him for much assistance.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

JOHN E. GOULD.

To the Chairman and Members

Health Committee

# VITAL STATISTICS. Population.

The Population of the extended Borough, taken at the census of 1891, was 22,009, and assuming the same rate of increase now as between 1831 and 1891, the estimated population for the middle of 1895 was 23003, an increase of 237; but the natural increase *i.e.* the excess of births over deaths is 348.

The area of the Borough is 1219 acres, and the density 18:8 persons per acre.

The number of new houses completed during the year was 125

#### Births.

The total number of births during the year was 848, consisting of 428 males and 420 females. This is equivalent to a birth-rate of 36.8 per thousand inhabitants. Of these 57 were illigitimate. The births in 1894 were 832, and the birth-rate 36.6.

#### Deaths.

During the year 502 deaths were Registered, 273 male and 229 females, being equal to a death-rate of 21.8 per 1000 inhabitants. 81 deaths occurred in the Workhouse and Hospital of non-residents, so that the deaths of Chesterfield people numbered 421, equal to a deathrate of 18.2

The infantile mortality (under 1 year) was 167 per 1000 births, as compared with 144 in 1894.

TABLE I.

Death rates in past years compared with those of England and Wales, and Derbyshire.

Year.	England and Wales.	Derbyshire.	Urban Districts.  Derbyshire.	Old Borough.	Extended Borough.
1885	19:0	17.2	•••••	16.3	
1886	19.2	18.6	••••	19•1	
1887	18.7	17.9		18.7	••••
. 1888	17.7	17.4		19.2	
1889	17:8	17.5		19.6	
1890	19.5	18.2		24.02	
1891	20-2	18.2	19.7	24.6	•••••
1892	19.01	19.1	19.5	24.5	•••••
1893	19.2	17.5	18.9	20.0	21.4
1894	16.6	15.4	16.4	15.0	15.6
10 yrs. average 1885—1894. 1895.	18.69	17·7		20·1	 18·2

The population and the death-rates in the three Wards work out as follows.

WARD.	Estimated population, middle 1895.	Total deaths.	Death-rate per 1000
North	7762	136	17.5
South	9168	146	15.9
West	6071	138	227

#### Causes of Death.

The higher death-rate is due to an increase under the three headings, Respiratory Disease, Old Age, and Diarrhœa. The two first were due to the severity of the weather at the beginning of the year, and the latter to the usual Summer Diarrhœa amongst children under 1 year of age.

### Zymotic Diseases.

The seven chief Zymotic Diseases caused 65 deaths as compared with 30 in 1894, and was equivalent to a death-rate of 28 per 1000. Diarrhœa alone being equal to a death-rate of 1.9 per 1000. Most of the deaths from Diarrhœa occurred in July and August, the hot and dry months of the year.

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#### Meteorological Record.

Rain Gauge 5 inches in Diameter, 1 foot above ground, 279 feet above sea level.

Temperature taken in the shade and 4 feet from the ground.

	Тетре	erature of air	during the l	Month.	Mean	Rain	fall.
MONTHS.	Highest.	Lowest.	All highest.	All lowest.	Tempera- turm of air.	Number of days on which rain fell.	collected
January	43	6	35.4	25.3	30.3	19	3.82
February	43	0	35.0	19.07	27.03	3	.07
March	62	22	49.03	33.6	41.3	15	1.83
April	65	25	55.5	36.7	46.1	9	1.89
Мау	84	29	65.9	40.7	53.3	4	.68
June	85	27	70.1	45	57.5	6	.93
July	81	40	68.8	50.9	59.8	14	3.21
August	78	37	70.9	51.4	61.1	13	1.85
September	83 .	31	73.4	44.8	59.1	8	.63
October	75	18	53.6	35.2	44.4	12	2.45
November	62	26	50.5	38.9	44.7	19	3.92
December	54	24	42 9	82 6	37.7	15	2.85
Entire Year	66.6	23.7	55.93	37.84	46.86	137	24.13

The information in the above table was kindly supplied by C. E. Jones, Esq, the manager of the Gas and Water Company.

#### Notification of Infectious Diseases.

The table gives the number of cases notified in each month under the Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act which was adopted in this Borough in November, 1890. There has been no case of Small-pox during the year 1895. The number of cases notified was 97, or 30 less than in 1894, and the number of houses infected was 80. Cases of Scarlet Fever shewed a marked diminution; one house had three cases, four houses two each. There was an increase of Typhoid Fever compared to 1894, most of the cases occurring in July, August, and September. The disease, however, was limited to a few houses in most of which sanitary defects were found. Two houses had four cases, one house had three, and two houses had two each. To shew the advantage that an Isolation Hospital would offer to the poorer classes I may mention that in a house with two small bedrooms there were four persons of opposite sexes suffering from severe Typhoid Fever. The cost of notification for the year was £9 12s. 6d.

There has been no patient in the Borough Hospital during the year, but a caretaker and wife reside there to keep the place clean.

Cases of Infectious Diseases Notified during 1895.

Total, 1895 Total, 1894 DISEASE. Small-pox Scarlet Fever... ... ... Diphtheria and Membranous Croup Enteric or Typhoid Fever ... Puerperal Fever ... .. Erysipelas ... Relapsing Fever ... ... Total, 1895 ... Total, 1894 ... в 

No. of deaths from Diarrheea during 1895 in the 3 Wards.

	WHERE D	IED.			No. of Cases.
N	North W	ARD.			
Albert Street	•••				1
Compton Street	•••	• • •	***		1
Devonshire Street	${f et}$		•••		<b>2</b>
Holland's Yard,	Holywell	Street	•••		1
Turf Tavern Yar	d ,,	,,			1
Court No. 7	,,	,,	• • •		1
Prospect Street		•••	•••		1
	•••				1
West Bars					<b>2</b>
Schofield's Yard,	New Squa				1
Star and Garter	Yard ',,				1
Spencer Street .					1
Soresby Street			•••		1
Angel Yard		•••	,		ī
Stonegravels					1
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	South V	VARD.			
Beetwell Street			• • •		1
Broad Pavement			• • •		1
Eyre Street					1
Boythorpe Lane			•••		1
Britt's Court, Be	etwell St	reet.			1
Bath Place, Lor	damill Str	eet			1
Brown's Yard, I	ow Paver	nent.			3
Wheeldon Lane	10 W 1 2 W C1	110110			1
	Vicer La	na	•••		$\bar{1}$
Barrack Square,	olter Gat	Δ	1		1
Blake's Court, S	arter Gat		•••	•••	1
South Street	tol	•••	•••		1
Valley Road Spi	ual	••.	•••	•••	
					14
	West W	ARD.			
Alma Street					<b>2</b>
Barker Lane	•••				1
Beaver Place	•••				$\overline{2}$
Bank Street	•••	•••			1
Beehive Yard	•••	•••			$\overline{2}$
	•••	•••			1
Batty's Yard	•••	•••	•••	••••	1
Wide Yard	•••	•••	•••		$\overline{1}$
Welshpool Yard		•••	•••	•••	1
Shepley Street	•••	•	•••	***	1
Chester Square	•••	• ·		••	· -
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#### Housing Working Classes Act, 1890

A tabulated account of the work done under this Act will be seen below. As was explained in the last annual report, in order to soothe the susceptibilities of the property owners I have divided the houses into two classes, viz., "houses unfit for habitation" and "houses in bad repair," but both classes come within the provision of this Act. As a matter of fact very few legal notices have been served, only three houses have been closed by Magistrates' Orders for there has been no difficulty in persuading the agents or owners to do what was required. If proof were wanted of the necessity of vigorous action being taken under this Act it would suffice to glance at the record of the house-to-house inspection made during the last two years. Many of the houses dealt with ought to have been demolished, but owing to the scarcity of houses suitable for the working classes it has been thought advisable to have them repaired only. They have been made more habitable, it is true, but they can hardly be considered highly sanitary even now—Although fewer notices were served during 1895 than in 1894, more work has been completed, as it was necessary to see that the requirements were properly carried out.

The notices served during the year 1895 are as follows:—

Houses unfit for habit	ation			43
Houses in bad repair				126
Yards in bad repair	•••	•••	•••	27
	Total	•••	•••	196

The work completed during the year may be summarised thus .—

Houses demolished	•••,			1
Demolished by East to	West	Railway	•••	22
Closed by Magistrates'	order	•••		3
Closed voluntarily		•••	•••	6
Houses made fit	•••	•••	•••	40
Houses repaired	•••	•••		163
Yards .,	•••	•••		19
				254

The 22 houses demolished by the East to West Railway are entered in this column because they were included in the list of houses unfit for habitation in last year's report. In addition to these 9 houses in White Horse Yard, 2 in West Bars and 1 in Wheeldon Lane have been demolished by the East to West Railway, all of them belonging to the workmen's dwelling class.

Work not yet completed but for which notices have been served:

Houses unfit for habitat	tion	•••	22
Houses in bad repair	•••	•••	40
Yards in bad repair	•••	•••	8
			70

Summary of work during 1894 and 1895 under this Act:

Notices served. Houses 452. Yards 45. Completed. , 390. , 37.

#### House to House Inspection.

This is a continuation of the work begun last year. Although fewer houses have been inspected, much work has been done in the completion of repairs. An inspection of the South Ward of the Borough has now been completed and Mr Wood, the Sanitary Inspector, has also tabulated details of the midden and water closet accommodation in the same Ward, so that we have now a fairly complete record of its sanitary condition. I am convinced that these systematic inspections are of the greatest importance, not only as affording the only true record of the sanitary condition, which can be referred to at any time, but as forming a basis of comparison between different parts of the town.

The results of the inspection of the South Ward may be summarized thus:

#### SOUTH WARD.

Total houses				1547
Single houses i.e with one en		d generall	y	
without through vent	ilation		•••	370
Back-to-back houses		•••	•••	49
Houses declared unfit for half	oitation	• • •	•••	302
Nuisances in other houses		•••		352
One room houses			•••	9
Two room houses			•••	86
Three room houses	• • •	•••	•••	324
Privies		•••		842
Houses having sole use of a p	orivy	•••	•••	441
,, ,, joint use			•••	401
Middens or Privy Ashpits	• • •	•••	••••	412
		•••	• • •	121
Water Closets		•••	•••	231
Houses having sole use of a V	Water Clo	set	• • •	131
Water Closets used jointly, 2	2 or more	houses	• =	45
Slop Water Closets	·••	•••	•••	. 55
Houses having sole use of one	e	•••		27
Used by 2 or more houses	••••	•••		28

### SOUTH WARD.

COURT OR STREET.	No. of Houses Inspected.	No, of Single or back to bk	No, of Persons.	Houses Unfit.	Houses in bad repair	Other Nuisances.	Hou	ses with	n less th	nan 5
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Lordsmill Street)		12				22		8		
Hopkinson's Yards	19	12	72	10	9	22	•••	0	9	2
Dixon's Road	8	6	45	•••	8	11		I	7	
St. Mary's Gate	10	I	28	3	ı	4		•••	I	6
Robert's Yard	4	4	16		2	I		I	2	
Short's Square	8	8	35	I	4	3			8	
St. Mary's Place	15	14bk					•••	I	II	2
Swan Yard										
Smith's Court										
Terra Firma Place	10	9	25	I	I	2	••	4	4	I
Court 2										
Station Road	24	14bk	12	•••	5	3		ı	12	ΙΙ
Spa Lane)										
Hall's Court	5	5	23	5	•••	3	•••		5	•••
Vicar Lane	7		22		3				3	2
Short's Court	4	4	24	•••	4	3			4	
Church Lane and Alley	7	2	34	•••	4	I		2	4	
Knifesmith Gate	4		13			3		•		
Holywell Street	5	2	4	•••	•••	4	)			
Court 5	5	4	18		4	I		ı	3	
Gluman Gate	8	ı	41		5	6			4	3
Long Court, High Street	8	8	41	•••	8	2		3	4	I
Boythorpe Lane	7		34	•••	4	7			2	5
West Bars										
West Row	38	14	150	ı	8	25	•••	4	24	5
Maynard's Yard					0		111	1		
Palin's Row	5	5bk	23	•••	2	6		3	2	
Other houses in South Ward	_	15bk		I		7		1	22	9
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### NORTH WARD.

COURT OR STREE	ET. o.	Inspected.  No, of Single or back to bk	No. of Persons.	Houses Unfit.	Houses in bad repair-	Other Nuisances.	Houses with less than 5 rooms.				
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Prospect Street	2	o	108		11	6			20		
Albert Street	1	6	45			23	•••			7	
Dark Lane	)	2 3	68	2	9	5					
Canal Wharf	)										
Parker's Yard	]	6 5	80	I	5	7		I	2	4	
Parker's Place	• • •	6 3	34	I	3	5	3	2	I	I	
No. 7 Court		3	16			2	•••	3			
Shakespeare Yard	)	5 15	48	4	4	8	•••	6	8		
Holywell Street											
Total		8 29	399	8	32	56	r	I 2	31	I 2	

### WEST WARD.

Sherwin's Row .		2	62 55	 I I 2	16	 	6	6
Total .	 28	2	117	 13	20	 	6	19

### Inspections or observations made.

Visits to Infecte	d houses	•••	•••	•••		155
Rooms disinfecte	d after cases of	Infe	ctious di	sease	•••	73
Letters sent to S	School Authorit	ies	•••	•••	• • •	54
,, t	he Librarian		•••	•••	•••	39
Drains tested by	smoke apparat	us	•••	•••	•••	15
Visits to Schools	·	••••	•••	•••	•••	28
,, Commo	n Lodging Hou	ses	•••	•••	••••	47
., Cowshe	ds and Dairies	•••	•••	•••	•••	112
" Slaught	ter Houses	•••	•••		••••	98
,, Bakeho	uses	•••		•••	•••	47
" Offensiv	ve Trades	•••	•••	•••	•••	33
,, Canal I	Boats		••••	•••		1
" Factori	es and Worksho	ps	•••	•••	•••	106
Inspection of Sev	wers	•••		•••	•••	31
Smoke observati	ons	•••	•••	***	•••	15
Inspections of W	ork in progress			• • •		762
Samples of Water	er obtained for a	analy	sis	•••	•••	10

### Sanitary condition of 65 houses infected with Scarlet Fever, Enteric Fever, and Diphtheria.

		Found in good	Nui	sances arising	from
Houses infected with	No. of Houses.	Sanitary condition.	Defective Ashpits.	Waste Pipes connected to Drain.	Defective Drains.
Scarlet Fever	39	35	2	2	0
Enteric Fever	19	1)	5	5	2
Diphtheria and Membraneous Croup	7	4	2	0	1

### Nuisances.

Nature of Nuisance		No. of Notices served.	No. complied with.
HOUSES.			
Foul conditions		27	27
Structural Defects		113	106
Overcrowding	• • •	9	7
DRAINAGE.			
Waste Pipes connected	• -	113	108
Yard Drains untrapped	• •	74	71
Drains in bad repair or obstructed	••	178	152
Ineffectual Drainage		21	19
PRIVIES, W.C's., and ASHPITS			
Insufficient Privy accommodation	• • •	13	12
Defective Ashpits and Privies	•••	127	117
Privies converted into W. C's	• •	9	9
Privies and Middens erected away from		_	10
dwellings	•••	12	12
Defective Water Closets	• • •	38	38
Defective Urinals —		7	7
Offensive deposits — —		15	15
To cease keeping Swine —		8	8
Animals improperly kept —		3	3
Total		772	711

#### Food and Drugs Acts.

6 samples under the above Acts were purchased for the purpose of analysis by the Borough Analyst. 4 of milk and 2 of butter. 1 sample of milk was certified to be of superior quality, 2 as genuine, and the other one as suspicious. Both samples of butter were certified as genuine.

### Factory and Workshops Acts.

105 visits have been made to Factories and Workshops in the Borough during the year, and 8 complaints were made to occupiers for contravention of the Acts, as follows:

Whitewashing			4
Overcrowding			1
Obstructed Drain	••	•••	1
Defective W.C. and Privy	•••		2

The necessary requirements in each case was carried out without further action being taken.

# Summary of Work carried out under the Bye-laws relating to Cowsheds and Dairies.

112 Inspections have been made of the 38 Cowsheds in the Borough.

Although there is a great improvement in the general condition of the Cowsheds, much remains to be done before many of them can be said to be in such a state as to comply with the Bye-laws.

The table below shews the number of informal Notices issued, and the number of requirements carried out.

Number and position of		er- ding,	Venti & Lig	lation hting,	Drair	nage.	Mar recep	ure tacle.	Wa sup	ater ply.
Cowsheds on Register.	Notices issued.	Abated,	Notices issued.	Abated.	Notices issued.	Abated.	Notices issued.	Abated.	Notices issued.	Abated.
North Ward 6	2	. 1	6	$\frac{}{2}$	4	2	5	1	0	0
South Ward 5	0	0	2	1	2	1	1	0	1	0
West Ward 27	11	0	27	4	20	5	25	6	6	2
Total 38	13	1	35	7	26	8	31	7	7	2

### Slaughter-Houses.

98 visits to the 33 slaughter-houses have been made during the year. All were found to be in a clean and sanitary condition. No complaint could be made of the cattle slaughtered therein.

The table below shows the position and number of slaughter-houses.

No. of Slaughter-houses	North Ward.	South Ward.	West Ward.		
on register.	5	17	11		

### Offensive Trades.

These consist mainly of premises used for tripe boiling and for the reception of fat and offal. 35 visits have been made to the 10 premises on the register, and all were found in a satisfactory condition.

#### Bakehouses.

20 Bakehouses have been registered to which 47 visits have been made. They were found in a clean state and taken as a whole are in a much improved condition.

### Ashpit Cleansing.

· ·	1	North.	South.	West.	Total.
Notices from Public to empty ashpits		1451	1248	301	3000
Number emptied		1915	1761	1537	5213
Cost of each ashpit emptied		5/21/2	5/13/4	*5/21	

<sup>\*</sup> Includes the emptying of 2600 pails per year.

#### Articles Disinfected by the Steam Disinfector.

Mattresses	•••	* * *	69
Beds	•••	***	37
Bolsters or Pillows	•••		98
Bolsters or Pillow Cases	4**	•••	60
Sheets			51
Blankets		* * *	64
Counterpanes		***	37
Curtains or Bed-Hangings			26
Carpets or Mats	4.5.4	****	51
Articles of Male Clothing			<b>3</b> 6
Articles of Female Clothing	* * *		62
Miscellaneous	***		67
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